



# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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## 25 AUGUST 2024 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please gather in prayerful silence. Be encouraged "to speak to God before Mass and to speak to your neighbour after Mass".

Saturday 24 5.30pm	<i>Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Kate Dutton (Intentions)
Sunday 25 10.00am	<i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Patricia Clark RIP
Monday 26 9.30am	<i>Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, P., R.</i> Joanne Stewart & Family
Tuesday 27	<i>St. Monica</i> Private Mass – For the Archdiocese
Wednesday 28 6.00pm	<i>St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church.</i> Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Kevin Gill (In Thanksgiving)
Thursday 29 9.30am	<i>Passion of St. John the Baptist, Martyr.</i> Special Intentions
Friday 30 9.30am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Maria Murray (Birthday)
Saturday 31 11.00am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Private Mass <b>Baptism: Erin Wilkinson</b>
5.30pm	<i>Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Paul Bate RIP
Sunday 01 10.00am	<i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Gianti Teeluck RIP

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday 6.00pm – 7.00pm.  
**Confession:** Saturday 4.45pm – 5.25pm  
**Private Rosary / Quiet Prayer:** Sunday - 9.30am – 10.00am  
**Refreshments:** Sundays 11.00am to 11.45am - parish hall.  
**Children's Liturgy:** At 10.00am Mass on Sundays during term time.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for August – For Political Leaders:** We pray that political leaders be at the service their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**Wii you also leave me?** In the Gospel we read how many people left Jesus and walked no more with him. Many still leave him. But by the grace of God, we are here. Each Sunday gives us an opportunity to confirm our faith in him who alone has words of eternal life.

The First Reading deals with a covenant-renewal ceremony that took place at Shechem shortly after the people had entered the promised land. Joshua called upon them to make a choice: to serve the God of their fathers or to serve other gods. All the tribes of Israel declared, 'We will serve the Lord.'

In a similar way Jesus called upon the people who had listened to his discourse on the Bread of Life to make up their minds whether or not they were going to believe in him and follow him. Sadly, apart from the Twelve, many deserted him. Even among the Twelve a traitor lurked.

Even though Jesus was sad to see those people leaving him, he let them go. It wasn't great crowds that excited him, what mattered to him (and what should matter to the Church) was the authenticity and sincerity of those who stayed.

Just as Mark's account of the ministry in Galilee ends on a note of disbelief (Fourteenth Sunday), so it is here. And in Peter's reaction we have John's parallel to the synoptic scene at Caesarea Philippi (Twenty-fourth Sunday).

**Sick:** Please pray for Janet Pittam, Nora Brown, Bernie Grant, John Ison, Chris Ison and all those who are unwell currently and those who need our prayers.

**Sanctuary Lamp:** The sanctuary lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of Andrew Cadogan. May he rest in peace.

Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 26<sup>th</sup> October at £4.00 per week.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall - 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024:** The mini-bus will leave Wood St Car Park at 12.30pm sharp next Sunday. Please bring your own fold up chairs. You can purchase food, tea & coffee from the cafe at Harvington if you wish. Otherwise bring a packed lunch.

**Sponsored windowpanes:** A few years ago, we raised money to repair the Stained-Glass window which is in the balcony by sponsoring a pane of glass.

There are still some unsponsored panes left, so once again to raise funds for the parish, we invite you to either sponsor a pane for yourselves or dedicate a pane to a loved one. Prices are £5 for small or £15 for larger. If interested, please see Pat Woolston.

**Adoremus in Our Parish- Sunday 15 September:** On Sunday 15 September, the Bishops of England and Wales invite all parishes across our countries to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

This can be a Holy Hour or a period of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **We shall have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration before the Masses over this weekend.**

**Father Hudson's Care Annual Parish Collection:** As you are aware we receive an Annual Parish collection each year, for which we are truly grateful. This year our collection takes place over the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. This is a major fundraising event for our charity as the money raised goes to support our five themes, Homelessness, Older People, Disability, Children & Family and Refugees and Migrants.

We have asked staff, volunteers & supporters to speak to their local priest, seeking permission to deliver a short presentation in church the week before, to act as a reminder. Could it also be possible to include this in your weekly newsletter please?

Shortly after the bank holiday you will receive leaflets, a poster and gift envelopes. It would be really appreciated if you could display the poster and perhaps ensure that the leaflets and envelopes are available on the 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for your support.

**Preparing for the Season of Creation:** Everyone in the Catholic family - parishes, schools, communities and individuals - is encouraged to join in prayer to mark the Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October.

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The "Celebration" begins 1 September, the Feast of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

### Offertory Collections – 18 August 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £175.75 Candles £23.90 Pilgrimage: £40.00

Refreshments: £11.00

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 30 Sunday 59 Total:89

**Diocesan Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi** is taking place now. Please pray the Novena during the nine days from August 18 until August 26. It can be prayed in the parish or at home.

### Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi

*O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.*

*We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for Us.*

*Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for Us.*

*Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for Us.*